

ABSTRACT

The Cultural Resources Department of Parsons conducted Phase I archaeological survey investigations, on behalf of the Delaware Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration, in advance of the proposed replacement of Bridge 2-210A and the realignment of Shady Bridge Road (K210), in Kent County, Delaware. The project area is located along a portion of a raised terrace along the upper reaches of the Choptank River. Predictive modeling suggested that the potential for discovering small Woodland period occupations in this locale was good. Systematic shovel testing and limited test unit excavation recovered evidence of prehistoric use of the area, possibly one or more components related to the Early Woodland period Wolfe Neck cultural complex of the Low Coastal Plain of central Delaware. The cultural deposits at the site were mixed vertically by surface-generated biological activity, but did not appear to be spread to a great extent horizontally. The sample of cultural material recovered from the site was small, but was considered to be representative. The limited size of the sample implied that additional data from the site would not be expected to be extensive. Spatial analysis of data from the investigation suggested that the main artifact concentration in the project area had been documented. No further archaeological work is recommended.